

17 November 1967

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Dear Tom,

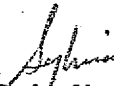
Please accept my sincere thanks for your letter of 14 November 1967 and the accompanying material from the Report of the Attorney-General of Texas, which you were good enough to volunteer, on loan. I will do my utmost to read this interesting collection of documents as soon as possible and to return the material to you without unnecessary delay. As I said on the phone last night, I am experiencing an almost unmanageable escalation of activity, both in my regular duties at the UN and simultaneously in work related to Accessories After The Fact; but I am impatient to review the collection of documents and will do so at the first available moment.

I note that you have sent me the material with the knowledge and the approval of Mr. Garrison.

I should like to say, for the record, what I have said to you verbally immediately upon receipt of your letter, on the telephone last night, which you confirmed was also your understanding of the situation, namely, that in accepting and reviewing this material, I am in no way whatsoever assuming any obligation to modify by one iota my public or private position with respect to the Garrison investigation, and that I intend to continue to exercise complete independence of judgment and expression. It is my understanding also that my acceptance and review of the documents is not to be interpreted, technically or substantively, as an association on my part with the Garrison investigation of any degree whatever.

That being understood, I should like to thank you again and assure you that I will not fail to call your attention to any discrepancies between these documents and those of the Warren Commission and to any other anomalies which seem to merit comment. With best personal regards to you, Tom,

Yours faithfully,

  
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